







# THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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## Prompts for Peace.

Many of the leading papers in their editorial notes, the effort can restrain at Manila are free in the expression of opinion that the beginning of the end of the war is in sight. They think that it will require as much a discouragement to the Spaniards that they will commence to sue for peace, and that the European powers, seeing the hopelessness of further effort upon the part of Spain, will advise the Queen Regent to surrender Cuba, and end the war and further disaster to the Spanish army and Spanish possessions. Then, Buckner, of Kentucky, an old hero of two wars, does not hold such an opinion. He thinks the Manila disaster will despoil the Spaniards but that they will continue the fight with more desperate courage, and that the only way for the United States to win is to double our strength and our force.

## Treasonable Utterances.

It is to be assumed that every citizen of the United States, men, women and children, now that war with Spain is actually, are loyal to their country, and want our armies to win. The sympathy of the people with their own army, their own ship and navy, will prompt this much loyalty, regardless of what each particular individual may think of the constitution for the war, as an original proposition on the part of this government. If the proposition: "Is a war with Spain fully justifiable and imperative?" has been submitted to the voters of the United States before the Government had taken any war steps, there certainly would have been an immense acquiescent vote. And the inner convictions of each people may not have been changed as to the justice and right of the war, but their action has and will be, and no doubt a number of them will be numbered among our traitors and braves soldiers. It is a thing, and most frequent, by the right and proper thing, for the citizen to seek to influence a war they think not unavoidable, and after the Government has acted, not war is actually existing, it becomes treasonable to say any opposition much louder than your own thought.

## WAR MEANS HIGH PRICES.

War means high prices and temporary prosperity. When the Government comes into the market to buy everything, trade must double. The railroads all over the country are endeavoring to furnish transportation for thousands of soldiers and hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies, and this causes larger dividends and a rise in stocks. All the staple industries are drawn into the war and army and navy in good condition. Millions of dollars that have been hoarded for years are taken from the national treasury and thrown broadcast to all sorts of people—everybody gets a share. In the meantime our foreign commerce is not seriously disturbed, since much of our trade is in foreign vessels, and the central bag covers our goods if they are not contraband. All these conditions favor a strong and continuous bull movement. The bears will have their language but the expenses of the war have to be paid, but while the war continues prices will go skyward—no question clearer.

## TEN MILLION MEN, IF NEEDED.

In the amount of the country's fighting strength, outside of the regular army, the Adjutant-General actually makes up, there are two elements. One is the organized militia maintained by the State and Territories, armed and drilled. The other is the total number of men available for military duty in the country, within the military age. The former, or organized militia force, at the latest reckoning, of about two months ago, was only 114,000, but the latter, or the enormous figure of 10,000,000, under no conceivable circumstances would be under arms, but this is the number we have to draw from.

## THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

There are as yet no indications that business has been unfavorably affected by the war. On the contrary, business is better than it was at this time last year, with a tendency to further improvement. The bank clearances are taken as the best business barometer. If the war could be regarded as such a success probable, and with the favorable loans that it would result, there is every indication that it is promised, there is every indication that the country will enter on the most prosperous era of its existence. If the present high price for wheat and corn, and until another crop had been marketed, the gold that it will bring to us from Europe, the war, in amount, and business conditions will necessarily be very brisk.

# THE WAR SITUATION.

North-South Relations and Always Relations.

## THE SPANISH SITUATION.

The Spanish situation at Manila, the Philippine Islands, full reports of which are published in this week's Courier, evidence the beginning of the end of our war with Spain. The victory was the almost total destruction of the Spanish fleet at that place. It was an overwhelming victory for the United States. At this writing it is not positively known that Manila has surrendered, but every indication makes it reasonably sure. The worst feature for Spain is the internal dissension at home. At Madrid, and in different provinces, mobs and insurrection exist, and will require all of Spain's strength to suppress these troubles. Madrid has been incited, and the present rallying cry appears to be: "Down with the war." With such war at home, Spain can not do much to aid her fleet.

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## WHY WE WENT TO WAR.

Why have we gone to war? Is a question which has been disturbing some minds, which seem to doubt the justification. No good can come by raising a question against our own government, now that war is a fact, and it is the evident duty of all patriots to support their country to the end. In its struggle with a foreign power, The New York Times, referring to the disposition manifested in some circles to question the policy of the United States, has quoted from Mr. De la Cruz, a member of the House last Congress, who said: "The United States is the government, and the motive which guided the President."

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# KENTUCKY IS AWAKE.

Commercial Convention Will Be a Grand Success.

## EVERYBODY INTERESTED IN IT.

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